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## OPGS News

### **DEADLINE EXTENDED. Strengthening Partners Initiative (SPI) Applications Now Available.**

*The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grant Services (OPGS)* is accepting applications for the 2008-2009 SPI Class. SPI is a fully funded training program for emerging nonprofit and faith-based organizations. The one-year program is designed to help nonprofit professionals move their organizations to the next level of operations and service-delivery. Executive directors (or equivalent positions) from organizations located and providing direct services in DC may apply if the following conditions are met: incorporated in DC; 501(c)(3) status from the IRS; annual budget under \$500,000; desires professional and organizational growth; and has strong commitment to complete the 12 month program and attendance requirements. The deadline for applications is **August 29, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.** Applications are available at <http://opgs.dc.gov>. They also may be picked-up from OPGS, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 324, Washington, DC. For additional information or to obtain an application, contact OPGS at (202) 727-8900.

## District Announcements

**PUBLIC HEARING. Preventive Health Services Block Grant Annual Public Hearing.** *The D.C. Department of Health (DOH)/Community Health Administration (CHA)* announces a Public Hearing of the Grant Advisory Committee on August 27, 2008, 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m., 825 North Capitol Street, NE, Room 4131. The grant supports programs operated by CHA and community-based organizations including chronic diseases, primary care and access to healthcare. Citizens can register to present views concerning the magnitude of the health problem and proposed solutions (oral and/or written). Presentations shall be limited to five minutes each. To register, contact Sherry Billings at (202) 442-9173 or [sherry.billings@dc.gov](mailto:sherry.billings@dc.gov) by August 27, 2008 before 4:45 p.m.

### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) and NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA).**

**Community-Based Violence Reduction Fund (CBVRF).** *The Office of the City Administrator (OCA)/Justice Grants Administration (JGA)* is soliciting feedback from the stakeholder community and the people they serve to assist with designing the Request for Applications (RFA) for the CBVRF opportunity. JGA announces the availability of funds to promote a focused, coordinated community response to violent crime in the Mayor's Focused Improvement Areas (FIAs). The mission of the FIA pilot initiative is to reduce criminal activity and increase quality of life in at-risk communities by combining community-policing efforts with the coordinated delivery of human services. The goal of the CBVRF is to reduce violence by encouraging collaborative efforts between communities and law enforcement, prosecution, judiciary, and private, nonprofit victim services agencies to address violence in at-risk communities. Program design should reflect familiarity with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Comprehensive Gang Model and a commitment to collaborating with District of Columbia Government Agencies. Interested, eligible applicants should also plan programs that include solicitation and adoption of community feedback to ensure that community needs are reflected in program design. Eligible applicants include nonprofit and community-based organizations. Approximately \$475,000 is available for 2-5 awards. The RFA will be available in early/mid September at JGA's website <http://jga.oca.dc.gov> or District Grants Clearinghouse <http://opgs.dc.gov>. Please forward feedback and information by September 2, 2008, to Brendon Miller, Interim Director, Justice Grants Administration, at [brendon.miller@dc.gov](mailto:brendon.miller@dc.gov).

## District Opportunities

**Elders Learning Through the Arts.** *Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH)* announces funds to support organizations serving District residents, ages 60 and older, in arts programs. Grants will fund projects in the following areas: crafts, dance, literature, media, music, interdisciplinary/performance art, theater and visual arts. Funded projects shall support innovative arts programming that provides access and positive enrichment alternatives for seniors.

**Eligibility:** District residents and District-based organizations.

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**Deadline:** September 24, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

**Funds:** Awards range from \$500 to \$5000.

**Pre Application Conferences:** September 9, 2008, 12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m., THEARC, 1901 Mississippi Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20020, and September 18, 2008, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m., DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities, 1371 Harvard St., NW, Washington, DC 20009.

**Information:** Charles Barzon at (202) 724-5613 or [charles.barzon@dc.gov](mailto:charles.barzon@dc.gov); or go to: [www.dcarts.dc.gov](http://www.dcarts.dc.gov).

**GrantID:** GD2970

**Electronic Grants Clearinghouse.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grant Services* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgs.dc.gov/>, select District Grants Clearinghouse.

District Agency	Funding Opportunity	Deadline
Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA)	Parent Education and Support Project (PESP)	August 27, 2008, at 5:00pm
Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA)	FY 2009 Asian Pacific Islander Community Grant	August 29, 2008, at noon
Department of Health (DOH)	FY 2009 Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Program	September 8, 2008
Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD)	Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP)	Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

## Foundation Opportunities

**2008 'Housing for Everyone'.** *TD Charitable Foundation* announces funds for capacity building of local affordable housing organizations. Support is available, on a one-time basis, for operational funding for fiscally-responsible organizations that have made and continue to make a meaningful difference in the affordable housing landscape of their community.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations.

**Deadline:** September 12, 2008.

**Funds:** \$1,500,000

**Information:** Michael L. Rayder, Jr. at (207) 756-6947 or [Michael.Rayder@TDBanknorth.com](mailto:Michael.Rayder@TDBanknorth.com); or go to: [http://www.commerceonline.com/communityrelations/housing\\_for\\_everyone\\_guidelines.cfm](http://www.commerceonline.com/communityrelations/housing_for_everyone_guidelines.cfm).

**GrantID:** GD2972

**2008 Lowe's Toolbox for Education K-12 Grant Program.** *Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation* is dedicated to supporting parent-teacher groups at schools across the U.S. The Foundation gives preference for funding requests that have a permanent impact such as facility enhancement (both indoor and outdoor), as well as landscaping/clean-up projects. Projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit are encouraged.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations.

**Deadline:** October 17, 2008.

**Funds:** \$5,000,000 is available to fund awards ranging from \$2,000-\$5,000.

**Information:** <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>.

**GrantID:** GD2973

**Basic Freedom Safeguard Support.** *The Herb Block Foundation* is committed to defending the basic freedoms guaranteed to all Americans and improving the conditions of the poor and underprivileged. Through the Defending Freedoms grant program, support is provided to safeguard the basic freedoms guaranteed in the Bill of Rights, to help eliminate all forms of prejudice and discrimination, and to assist government agencies to be more accountable to the public. Anti-discrimination projects which involve joint efforts of two or more organizations are encouraged.

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**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations.

**Deadline:** October 6, 2008.

**Information:**

[http://www.herbblockfoundation.org/HerbBlockFoundation/content.aspx?page=2183192&\\_redir=750](http://www.herbblockfoundation.org/HerbBlockFoundation/content.aspx?page=2183192&_redir=750).

**GrantID:** GD2969

**Boating Safety Grants.** *BoatU.S. Foundation* is dedicated to promoting safe and environmentally sensitive boating. The foundation is looking for creative and innovative projects that promote safe boating on local waterways. Topics can range from literature on the effects of boating under the influence to signs at boat ramps telling users about free vessel safety checks.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations and community-based organizations.

**Deadline:** November 1, 2008.

**Funds:** Awards up to \$4,000.

**Information:** <http://www.boatus.com/foundation/Grants/index.htm>.

**GrantID:** GD2971

**Service Grants.** *Taproot Foundation* announces capacity-building service grants to high-quality consulting services organizations. The foundation seeks to provide high-potential organizations with the critical tools and services necessary to maximize the impact of their work. The Foundation engages teams of business professionals in pro bono marketing, information technology, human resources, and strategy management service grants.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations.

**Deadline:** September 15, 2008.

**Funds:** Awards range from \$25,000-\$50,000.

**Information:** <http://www.taprootfoundation.org/npo/>.

**GrantID:** GD2974

**Youth Advisory Board Grant Program.** *State Farm Youth Advisory Board* announces funds to support student-led service-learning projects throughout the U.S. Areas of interest include: disaster preparedness, driver safety, environmental responsibility, accessing higher education, and financial literacy.

**Eligibility:** Independent school districts, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, and private institutions of higher education.

**Deadline:** October 3, 2008.

**Funds:** Awards range from \$25,000-\$100,000.

**Information:** <http://www.statefarmyab.com/>.

**GrantID:** GD2968

## Previous Announcements and Resources

### Announcements

**2009 SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Awards.** *SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund* recognize outstanding efforts of students and teachers across the U.S. who work at the grassroots level to protect and preserve the environment. Projects must be sponsored by a school group such as a grade level, classroom, or club. The deadline for applications is November 28, 2008. Approximately 8 projects will be selected and receive \$10,000; an all-expenses-paid trip for three students and one adult leader to a SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park for a special awards event; 100 T-shirts to share with their school and community partners; and an award trophy and participation certificate for the project leader. For further information, go to: [http://www.swbg-conservationfund.org/projects\\_Awards.html](http://www.swbg-conservationfund.org/projects_Awards.html).

**Christian Leaders Sabbaticals.** *The Louisville Institute* awards funds to Christian religious leaders in the U.S. who are seeking a time for study, reflection, and rest for the renewal of their vocations. The program requires leaders to center on a theme of concern, topic of study, or focus of reflection designed to nourish vocational identity and commitment, refresh body and spirit while renewing relationships, and rekindle habits of heart and mind that sustain one for and in ministry. Eligible applicants include Christian clergy, church staff members, denominational

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staff, and others regularly employed in positions of Christian pastoral leadership, ordained and lay. The deadline for applications is September 15, 2008. Approximately 40 awards ranging from \$10,000-\$15,000 are available. The application deadline is September 15, 2008. For further information, go to: <http://www.louisville-institute.org/Grants/programs/sgpldetail.aspx>.

**Disney Minnie Grants 2nd Round 2008.** *Youth Service America and Disney* announce funds for the second round of awards to engage children and youth, ages 5-14, as community volunteers and support their youth-led service projects for Global Youth Service Day and on-going service throughout the year. Projects must take place October 15-November 15, 2008. The deadline for applications is August 30, 2008. Awards up to \$500 are available. For further information, go to: <http://ysa.org/AwardsGrants/tabid/58/Default.aspx>.

**Environmental Curricula Grants.** *Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation's* mission is to support educators in developing environmental curricula that integrate field activities and classroom teaching that incorporate basic ecological principles and problem solving. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations and individuals. The deadline for applications is September 27, 2008. Awards up to \$1,500 are available. For further information, go to: <http://www.mgaef.org/index.html>.

**Hope for Education.** *Samsung* provides U.S. K-12 schools with the latest technology products to assist in the educational process. Each year the program challenges students, teachers, parents, or anyone who knows of a school in need to write an essay regarding the importance of technology in education and how it can benefit a school in their community. In the past four years, through a partnership with Microsoft, the Hope for Education program has provided more than \$7 million in Samsung technology and software to K-12 schools in the U.S. This year the program has also partnered with DIRECTV, Inc., which will provide grants and educational television programming packages to the winning schools. The deadline for applications is August 31, 2008. For further information, go to: <http://pages.samsung.com/us/hopeforeducation/index.html>.

**Outstanding Young Leaders Honored.** *Nestle USA* honors young people between 13 and 18 years of age who have excelled in school and are making their community and the world a better place. Nominees should have strong backgrounds in citizenship, school, community involvement, and reading. Honorees will be featured in a special publication and honored at a ceremony in Los Angeles, CA, in the summer of 2009. The deadline to submit nominations is November 20, 2008. Approximately 25 awards for \$1,000 will be donated in the name of each winner to the charity of his or her choice. For further information, go to: <http://www.nestle-verybestinyouth.com/>.

**Partial Scholarships for Washington, DC Nonprofit Organizations.** *The Foundation Center – DC* is offering partial scholarships to assist small, community-based nonprofit organizations in Washington, DC to attend its upcoming full-day training seminars. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations based in and serving the Washington, DC area with budgets under \$1,000,000. The application deadline is September 22, 2008, to attend any seminar (with the exception of the Grantseeker Training Institute) from November 2008 through January 2009. For further information, contact the Foundation Center – DC at (202) 331-1400.

**Teach Award Program.** *Best Buys* recognizes and rewards creative uses of interactive technology in K-12 classrooms. Winning programs focus on kids using technology to learn standard-based curriculum, rather than on teaching students to use technology or educators using technology that children aren't able to use hands-on. Eligible applicants include nonprofit K-12 public, private, parochial, magnet, and charter schools. The deadline for applications is October 12, 2008. Awards range from \$1,000-\$10,000. For further information, go to: <http://bestbuyteach.scholarshipamerica.org/>.

**Teacher Grants.** *The School, Home, & Office Products Association Kids In Need Foundation* announces funds to support K-12 educators with providing innovative learning opportunities for their students. The deadline for applications is September 30, 2008. Awards range from \$100-\$500. For further information, go to: <http://www.kidsinneed.net/grants/index.php>.

**The City Recycling Challenge.** *The U.S. Conference of Mayors* is accepting applications to reward cities for recycling aluminum beverage cans. Cities will compete against like-sized cities in four divisions determined by



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population. The following types of awards are being offered: Most Cans Collected awards will be presented to the city in each division that collects the most recyclable aluminum beverage cans between October 1 and October 31, 2008; Most Innovative Ideas awards will be presented to one city in each division for developing the most exciting ideas to promote aluminum beverage can recycling in their community; and Partner with Local Keep America Beautiful (KAB) Affiliate awards recognize cities that partner with their local KAB organization to create the most sustainable aluminum beverage can recycling initiative. The deadline to enroll is September 30, 2008. Awards range from \$2,500-\$5,000. For further information, go to: <http://www.cans4cash.com/cansforcash/default.aspx>.

**Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's Tylenol National Child Care Teacher Awards.** *The Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation* acknowledges the critical role of child care teachers in providing quality early care and education. Child care teachers from all fifty states and the District of Columbia will be selected for their commitment and dedication to the children they serve. Each applicant is asked to design an enhancement project for the children in their classroom illustrating the educational, social, and emotional benefits of the project. The deadline for applications is December 31, 2008. Approximately 50 awardees will receive \$500 - \$1000 as a stipend acknowledging each child care teacher's special dedication and \$500 to fund the classroom enhancement project they designed. One recipient will receive the Helene Marks Award and an additional \$1,000. Winners will be honored at an awards ceremony in Pennsylvania on April 1, 2009. For further information, go to: [http://www.tllccf.org/pr\\_nccta.php](http://www.tllccf.org/pr_nccta.php).

## Tools

**All About Grants.** *Grants.gov* announces its All About Grants page, a new applicant resource featuring content and information from all 26 federal grant-making agencies, affiliated grant associations and the applicant community. This section of the website is focused on keeping the applicant up to date with grant information relevant to the applicant's needs, by providing a "tip of the month", webinars, events, tips and resources from grantors, articles and resources, and a listing of affiliated grant associations and organizations. For further information, go to: [http://grants.gov/applicants/all\\_about\\_grants.jsp](http://grants.gov/applicants/all_about_grants.jsp).

**Effective Practices for Engaging At-Risk Youth in Service.** *Youth Service America* announces a new publication designed to provide an overview of the underlying theory and effective practices for promoting service-learning for young people. Public officials, youth service and service-learning practitioners and teachers, researchers, and others whose mission is to plan and implement community service programs for youth will find this guide helpful. To review and download a copy, go to: [http://tools.ysa.org/downloads/modules/Engaging\\_At-Risk\\_Youth\\_in\\_Service.pdf](http://tools.ysa.org/downloads/modules/Engaging_At-Risk_Youth_in_Service.pdf).

**Examples of Winning Federal Grants.** *The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)* provides information on competitive grant applications that received the highest scores during the 2007 round of HUD grants. To access the winning applications, go to: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/foia/highscore/>.

**Innovations in Effective Compassion.** *White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives* recently updated its Innovations in Effective Compassion Web site. On the site, you can explore ways the Faith-Based and Community Initiative has transformed government's approach to addressing human need, how nonprofits have been strengthened, and how faith-based and community groups have partnered with government to bring both help and hope to millions in need across America and beyond. The site includes a wealth of research, evaluations, practical tools, and other resources. For more information, go to: [www.innovationincompassion.hhs.gov](http://www.innovationincompassion.hhs.gov).

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